THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay is producing indigenously radio-active materials like cobalt, Caesium-137, IODINE-131, Phosphorus-32, Technicium-99 etc. and the Centre is meeting the entire requirement of the country.

(c) At present cobalt tele-therapy units are not being produced in this country. However, a letter of Indent has been issued to M/s. Larsen and Toubro Ltd. in October, 1987 for the manufacture of cobalt tele-therapy simulators and accessories.

Supply of radio-therapy equipment to India

1868. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of countries are supplying radio-therapy equipment to India;

(b) if so, what are the names of those countries and the extent to which equipment from those countries is being used in this country; and

(c) whether it is a fact that quite a number of radio-therapy units, which were fabricated in India several years ago, are lying unutilized or under-utilized because of bad workmanship; if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The import of Cobalt Therapy Unit is covered under Open General Licence and hospitals and institutions do not have to approach the Government for permission to import them Therefore, the, details of countries from which they are imported etc., are not available.

(c) The Government is not aware of any radio-therapy units fabricated in India lying unutilized or under-utilized because of bad workmanship.

Applications for installation of Radio Therapy Units

1869. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the standing Committee on Radio therapy had met recently to consider the applications from various medical institutions to instal radio therapy units;

(b) what are the details of each application approved by the Committee and of those which are still pending;

(c) whether Government propose to consider fixing a time limit for taking decision on the applications for radio-therapy in view of the need of this equipment to treat cancer patients; and

(d) whether Government also propose to increase the amount of grant/subsidy to various recognised medical institutions setting up radio-therapy units in view of the rising costs of both the equipment and the infrastructural facilities and if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Standing Committee on Tele-Therapy Units met on the 26th July, 1988 and considered all the 23 applications received. The Committee approved the applications received

from the following 15 institutions for setting up of cobalt therapy units:

1. SMGS Hospital, Jammu.
2. Cancer Hospital & Research Institute, Gwalior
3. J. N. Medical College, Aligarh.
4. LLRM Medical College, Meerut.
5. Silchar Medical College, Silchar.
6. Cancer Hospital, Agartala.
7. Medical College Hospital, Nagpur.
8. General Hospital, Ernakulam.
9. Medical College Hosp., Calicut.
10. S. J. Hospital, New Delhi.
11. Govt. Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hosp., Kancheepuram.
12. Christian Medical College and Hospital, vellore.
13. Jaya Diagnostic and Research Centre, Hyderabad.
14. Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh.
15. Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla.

(c) Normally the Committee meets once a year. However in the last meeting it recommended that it should meet every six months to clear the applications.

(d) No, Sir.

Ad-hoc promotions to officers in K.V.S.

1870. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is some provision and consequently tendency in the KVS for granting *ad-hoc* promotions to different officers of Sangathan whose qualifying experience in the feeder cadre falls short by some period;

(b) if so, what are the details of officers who have been granted ad-hoc promotion during the last three academic years;

(c) whether similar *ad-hoc* promotions are being given to the promotees to the post of Jt. Commissioner (Academic); if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that *ad-hoc* promotion has not been given to the candidates otherwise found eligible for promotion to the post of Jt. Commissioner (Academic) in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(e) if so, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Recruitment to various posts in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan are made in accordance with the recruitment rules prescribed for the purpose. No officer was promoted by relaxing qualifying experience in the feeder grade during 1985-86 and 1986-87. During 1987-88, qualifying experience in the feeder grade was relaxed for filling up the posts of Senior Addministrative Officer and Administrative Officer.

The post of Senior Administrative Officer was filled up on *ad hoc* basis with effect from 1st September, 1987 by relaxing the minimum experience in the feeder grade by about 5 months. The post of Administrative Officer was filled up on *ad hoc* basis by a Section Officer who was short of requisite experience in the feeder grade by 11 months. He was considered for promotion bcause his junior had completed the qualifying service.

(c) to (e) Action has been initiated to fill up the post of Joint Commissioner (Academics).